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## From the President's Desk

Congratulations to Craig Whitford our new editor. I have received nothing but compliments on his first issue of TEC News. Isn't it Great!

I have talked to Don Wilkinson several times by phone since the first of the year. He is recuperating well from his serious injuries. In fact he was doing yard work the last time I talked to him. It appears that he pushes himself and suffers pain afterwards. I advised him to slow down a little but it sure was good to learn that he is doing so well. He reports that all secretarial work is caught up including the flood of dues received after the first of the year. However, he also reports that a large number have not yet renewed their membership for 1992. If you are among this group, please remit soon. Otherwise, I am sorry to say, this will be your last copy of TEC News. **PLEASE PAY YOUR 1992 DUES.** We don't want to lose a single member.

Through dedication and hard work, Don and his family have pulled TEC out of a terrible situation, however, we are still asking for help. We urgently need a new Secretary. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER.**

I have been super active in the hobby during the last year and have added greatly to my collection. I even caught the elusive "Pike" (MO-SLWF-16, that is). I also bought a ten

pound accumulation of Jack Meccarello coins from a New York dealer that I met in Baltimore. The batch included many classics and many unlisted items. Getting around and being known as a serious collector of elongated coins doesn't do any harm.

In addition to the ANA in Chicago, I had my machine at conventions in Michigan, Wisconsin, Maryland and Pennsylvania last

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## President's Desk (From Page 1)

year. All of this in addition to doing several local coin shows and rolling coins from 50 custom dies during the year. I have been invited back to each of the above in 1992 and have added the Illinois Numismatic Association to the circuit.

Further, I will also be rolling badges for the annual Michigan Masonic Templar Pilgrimage. Without fear of contradiction I now claim to roll more Masonic and Masonic affiliated coins than anyone else in the world.

All of the above fits in well with my coin collecting activities and Masonic involvement. I tell you about this, not to brag but to emphasize what I am doing to promote elongated coins.

My wife complains that, for a retired man, I work too hard. I have promised her that I will slow down to a trot when I reach 70. That give me three more years to run.

## PLANS FOR 1992

TEC will again participate with the ANA on a joint souvenir coin project for the convention in Orlando, Florida. This will be the fourth year in a row that we have produced the official convention elongated coin. They will be sold at the same prices as last year. That is, 50 cents each for cents and \$6.00 for the six-coin sets. We also plan to have a special convention hand-out coin and will make up sets of these too. Further, we plan to have another special convention issue of *TEC News*.

Of course, the Convention Badge Program will continue. For the benefit of some of our newer members, this will be the 26th year in a row for our TEC Badges and a complete set is difficult to acquire. They are all rolled on quarters and hang from a ribbon and clasp. This year they will sell for \$6.00 each. The special enameled badges will be issued for the fourth year in a row. They are rolled on silver quarters, beautifully enameled with multiple colors and will sell for \$22.00 each. Please Note: Production of Enameled Silver Badges will again be limited to advance orders only. You may order as many as you want and can pay for them now or at time of delivery, but all orders must be received by the Secretary on or before May 31, 1992.

In addition to special convention items, Newsletter Award and Merit Award coins will also be issued for 1992. The author of each article published in *TEC News* will receive a Newsletter Award coin after the end of the year. Those making outstanding contributions to TEC or

our branch of the hobby in general will receive a Merit Award coin. These will be issued at convention time. Each officer and director of TEC is requested to submit recommendations for these awards.

Our service programs continue to be popular with our members and provide a good source of income for TEC.

**Lending Library:** All of our books have been borrowed at least once. Some several times.

**Video Tape Rental:** These tapes have been rented 29 times.

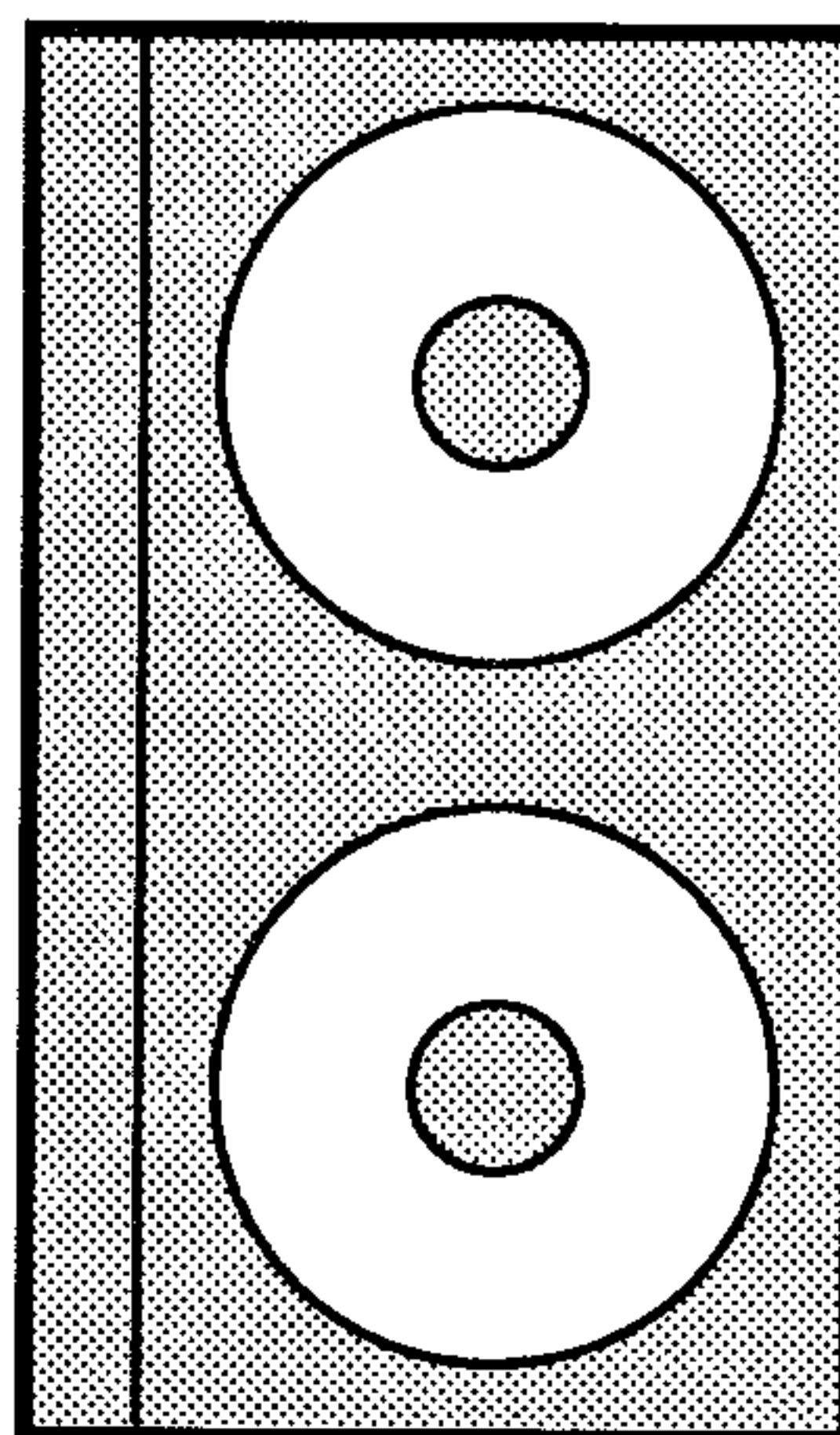
**Coin Holder Sale:** We have sold over 300,000 2x2 holders since this program began two years ago.

The success of these programs is an indication of how much they were needed.

**Illness.** As indicated earlier, Don Wilkinson has made remarkable strides in recovering from his serious auto accident injuries but has a way to go yet. He has traded his wheel chair for a new car and is doing much of his own yard clean up for spring. (*Spring sure comes a lot earlier in Louisiana than it does in Michigan!*)

Gus Meccarello reports that he is responding well from his cancer treatments, but his wife Nan has been in the hospital. I haven't had reports of other sickness and hope that it is an indication that all others are enjoying good health. Anyway, I hope so and extend wishes to all for better days ahead.

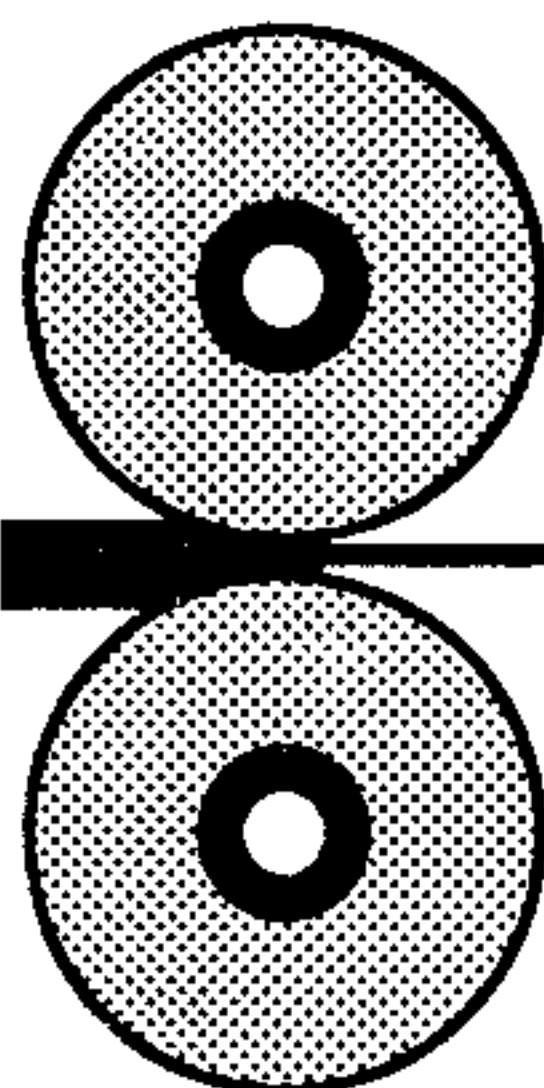
Happy Collecting!



## TEC Video Library

The following VHS tapes are available on loan: "**The Elongated Collectors**" and "**Making of a Steel Die.**" The rental price for both is \$10.00 plus the cost of return postage. Address your request to Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430.





## Between The Rollers...

### Ye Editor's Notes

Dear Friends:

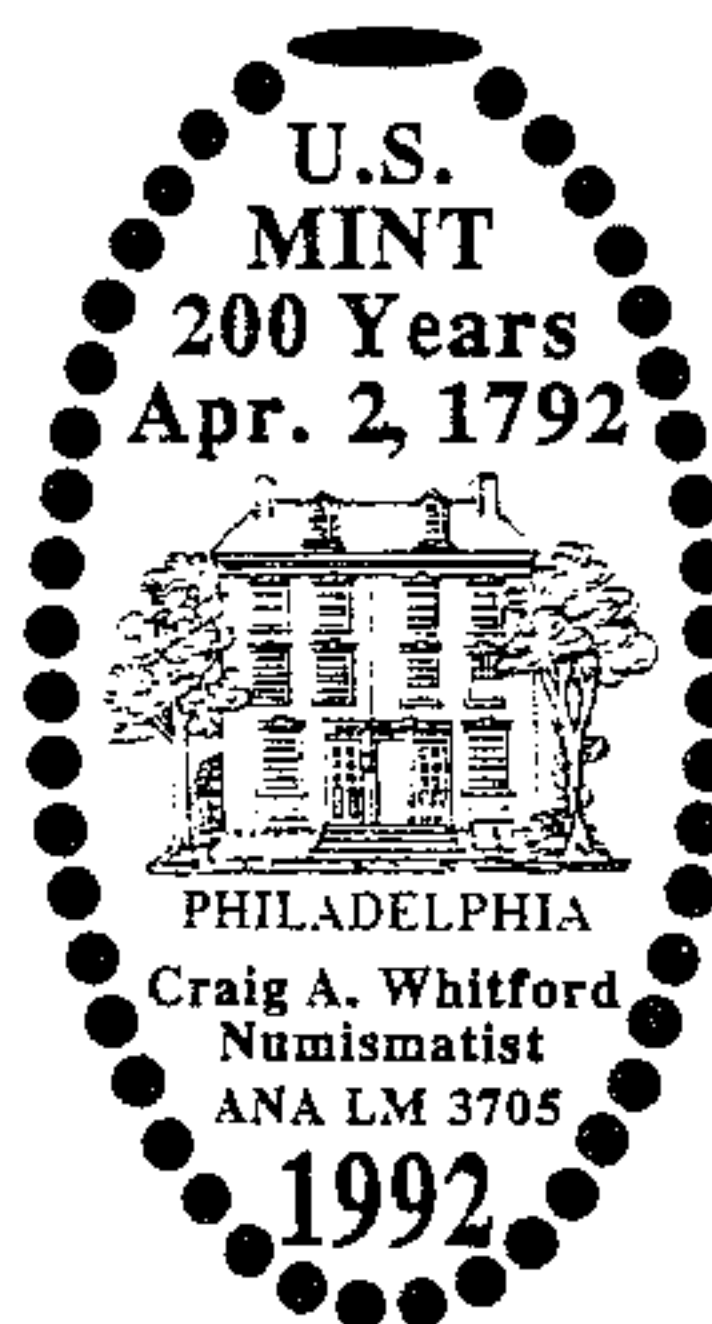
**THANK YOU** for your enthusiastic response to the last issue of *TEC News*. It is a pleasure producing a club newsletter for an active, participating membership. For nearly two week straight, following the release of the issue, I was receiving six to eight letters a day from TEC members—Keep them coming!

This issue is packed with several articles and newsworthy information. Missing from this and the last issue is the roster of new TEC members. The roster of new members will be included in the summer issue.

This issue also welcomes an increase in PAID advertising for our publication. Please be sure to mention *TEC News* when writing to our advertisers. As the year progresses I look forward to many more advertisers joining our publication.

**1992 is a year of Celebration!** As the United States and several other countries celebrate and commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, *We the People*... should take time to celebrate an important numismatic anniversary—The Bicentennial of the United States Mint at Philadelphia. This very important numismatic anniversary has taken a back seat to Columbus, not only with collectors but also with our very own U.S. Mint.

For nearly 10 years my primary numismatic interest has been with the history of the United States Mint and her coinage operations. With the assistance of Ray Dillard and Frank Brazzell, I have produced a personal elongated coin which is pictured here. Any TEC member who would like to add this personal elongated to their collection may do so by sending \$1.00 plus a long S.A.S.E. to the editor. In return I will send you the elongate and a full-color postcard of the First United States Mint.



Well, once again the time has come for you to sit back, relax and enjoy all that is featured within these pages... and if you get the chance, take some time out of your busy schedule to send me a letter or an article or... **Enjoy!**

**P.S.** This issue is coming to you a little later than normal as Ye Editor has been quite busy with the MSNS Spring Convention and with finishing up his June 12-13, 1992 sale catalog. Talk with you soon!

## EDITORIAL

### Rerolls Detrimental to the Hobby

By Ray Dillard

Among other things the Constitution and By-Laws of TEC clearly states that "The purpose of the organization shall be to encourage realistic and consistent valuations of elongated coins."

Generally speaking the value of modern issues are comparatively inexpensive unless they are represented to be something that they are not. Regardless, the officers of TEC cannot concern themselves about the thousands of items selling at nominal prices.

In my personal opinion, that covers items that fall in the range of \$10.00 or less. Collectors must accept certain responsibilities for their decisions. After all, some collectors would gladly pay \$10.00 or more for an item that others do not want at any price. In cases like this—to each his own!

To the serious collector of Elongated coins, it is apparent that many old dies still exist and that comparatively current rerolls are detrimental to the hobby. Many such items were highlighted by Martin & Dow in the book *Yesterday's Elongateds*. Angelo Rosato devoted a whole chapter of his *Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated* to the subject. Plus, he specifically listed and pictured 83 such items and identified them with RES numbers. He also wrote an article on rerolls published in *TEC News*, Volume XXVI, Issue 4, page 11.

Individuals dealing in elongated coins are aware of all of the above and certainly have the responsibility to be fair. They should not knowingly misrepresent the rarity of an item in order to sell it for many times what it is worth.

You as a collector have a responsibility also. You should make yourself informed and make your selections carefully. There are a couple of cliches that appropriately apply to this situation. They are "Buy the book before you buy the coin" and "Buyer beware." Remember, it is your money and it is difficult to cheat a well informed collector.

It is certainly regrettable that some unscrupulous people go to great pains to roll current specimens from old dies and on old coins just to make a fast buck. It is also regrettable that some dealers help to propagate the practice. On the other hand TEC cannot be a full time policeman. Education will accomplish much more than police work in curtailing the practice.

I feel that it is TEC's responsibility to disseminate information on the subject. It is the collector's responsibility to avail themselves to the information and I repeat—it is difficult to cheat a well informed collector.

The purpose of this editorial is to inform, not to alarm. The problem is really not that wide spread. Happy Collecting!





# News From . . .

## Panama City Beach, Florida

By Jim Dundon, TEC No. 1040

Well, here we are in the second quarter of 1992 already. I, for one am very pleased to be finished with 1991! Mississippi was a very tough place to be in around the end of September. On the 24th, not thirty miles from where the Wilkinson's had their tragic accident, I had someone pull out in front of me, at 60 mph. I hit him broadside and we both ended up in a ditch. For some reason, God bless seat belts, I came through without a scratch. It took six weeks to get the van fixed though. The other guy was in the hospital for a month, but he, too, is OK now. Something like that makes you realize that no matter how bad things may appear to be, it could always be a lot worse. My heart goes out to Don, and I hope that he is getting along all right.

Our club President has asked for more die makers to step forward. Consider this to be my "stepping forward." I have been cutting dies since 1987, and feel that my work is on par with anything else available. If you would like a free sample of my latest work, just send me a long self-addressed-stamped-envelope (S.A.S.E.). I am currently attempting to put the 23rd Psalm on a penny. That is a whole lot of lettering to fit in so small a space. The actual type size will end up being about 3 points, or 1/24 of an inch! It is quite a challenge, hope it comes out.

I am sending along some coins from the 1991 Kentucky Derby. I believe they will be with the next issue. I went to Louisville to work the Derby last year, sure were a lot of people there. Not too many were interested in elongated though, so this is a fairly low mintage (for me) coin.

I have also been searching for that ever-elusive, PERFECT ELLIPSE. As if it really exists. I have always been bothered by the extra tail that occurs on elongateds. I realize that this problem can be avoided by moving the starting notch out in front of the design, but I prefer that the coin edge and the border be one and the same. I took a blank roll and stretched a few coins to get an average shape, the tail end is not as rounded as the front end. I used that outline as the basis of a new ellipse. I will be using it on the 23rd Psalm die.

Perhaps some of you are not aware of how difficult it is to get four dies on a single roll to print equally. Well, I go a giant step further. I need to have eight dies print equally. The machine I build has two rings, side by side, with four dies on each. Being a commercial roller, I feel that the more offerings that I have available, the more chances that I have to make a sale. I carry about forty other designs with me that are pre-rolled, but the customer prefers watching their coin go through the machine. It is quite a challenge to get the eight dies lined up and printing equally. That is why I keep searching for the PERFECT ellipse. I would love to hear from anyone with any suggestions on the subject. Til' then, I'll keep trying.

I want to thank those of you who purchased my catalog and price list last year. This week I should be finished updating my 1991 listings. Angelo Rosato gets the first one and then I'll send you a free update. If there are any new members who want one, I have a few left for just \$5.00. It will be complete through 1991 and has 443 listings. There are early drawings of dies done by Chet Rogers and Adam Cool, and pictures of the later dies done by Frank Brazzell and myself. This will be the entire listing of **The Penny Pinchers**. As of 1992, my company name has been changed to **Jim Dundon & Associates**. Doug Fairbanks told me last year that there were several "Penny Pinchers" out there. One original guy from Oklahoma went so far as to copy my business card. Even left "Fabricator and Purveyor of Souvenir Coin Machines" on there. I wonder if he knows what that means! Wonder whose machine he ripped off? People never cease to amaze me.

That's it for now, friends. Have a great spring, I'll talk with you next month. Until then, HAPPY ROLLING. And let's hear it for our new editor, what a great new look this newsletter is taking on. Send him some articles.

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## Enlightened by more "Unlisteds"

By "Doug" Fairbanks, Sr., TEC 623

**CAL-GGIE 22e:** Horizontal with small dot border on 1936 Lincoln cent. Main theme: View of Treasure Island. From outside center left, to outside center right, running around top of coin /Golden Gate International Exposition/ in very small letters. Fluffy clouds under same. Distant view of Alcatraz depicted, the other side of a wide expanse of water, with numerous waves and a small sailboat at extreme right. Center, an eye level view of grounds, with what appears to be a long roadway depicted at left side, water and waves to left of same. A tall building or monument depicted in almost center of view. Frontal view, another break-water depicted, with water and waves in front of same, and a small airplane flying over same, heading directly towards main view. From outside center left, to outside center right, running around bottom edge of coin /On San Francisco Bay ★ Feb.18 – Dec. 2 – 1939/ in very small letters and numerals.

**WAS-SWF 3b:** Vertical with dot border on Lincoln cent. Apparently a reworked die issue of WAS-SWF 3a. Wording /I Was There/ has been removed.

**CAL-SAC 3a:** Vertical with no border on 1926-S Lincoln cent. "State Fair – Sacramento – 1932. "Similar to "Unlisted" CAL-SAC 3. Spine tip of dome touches bottom of vertical stem of "T" in "State." In CAL-SAC 3 it points between "T" and "E" of "State," and touches outside of bottom leg of "E." Completely different placement and size of lettering. Building more defined, and smaller lettering used.

**TEX-TCE 11:** Horizontal with rope border on Lincoln cent. Center of coin has a large wire bordered oval, and depicts a frontal view of a large building, ie. tall center part with two gradual reduced size parts, left and right, making for three tiers. Front facade of center building has lettering /FORD/. Between the inner wire border and the outer rope border, running bottom left around the coin to bottom right /Texas Centennial Exposition/. At bottom edge, also between the two borders /1836-1936/.



## Who Rolled It?

By "Doug" Fairbanks, Sr.,  
TEC 623

Horizontal with dot border on 1964 Lincoln cent. At center, and old time Fire Engine facing front, slight left angle. Around top edge of coin /Hall of Flame/. At bottom edge of coin, /Phoenix, AZ./. Being rolled currently, not an "oldie." This items was sent to me by a potential new TEC member – Jerry Barrat of Phoenix, AZ. Please express replies in *TEC News*.

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# SOME FUNNY & SERIOUS THINGS I LIKE ABOUT ELONGATES

By R.W. Colbert

★ Elongates are always easy to distinguish from a pocket full of mixed coins – even in total darkness.

★ Unlike coins, elongates don't roll out of sight when dropped. *(Thanks to my expert friend and colleague Ray W. Dillard who, following exhaustive studies in Michigan has concluded that elongates will bounce and skid when dropped. Similar tests conducted in Georgia confirms these findings.)*

★ When placing elongates on public display it seldom requires both sides of each example be shown in the exhibit.

★ The shape of an elongate makes it impossible for the little ones to deposit them in the nearest bubble gum machine.

★ It's hard to find anyone using an elongate for the "flip" or "toss" or "heads-tails" call during a gambling match.

★ It is rare to see anyone placing an elongate on their local railroad tracks in hopes of getting a double impression.

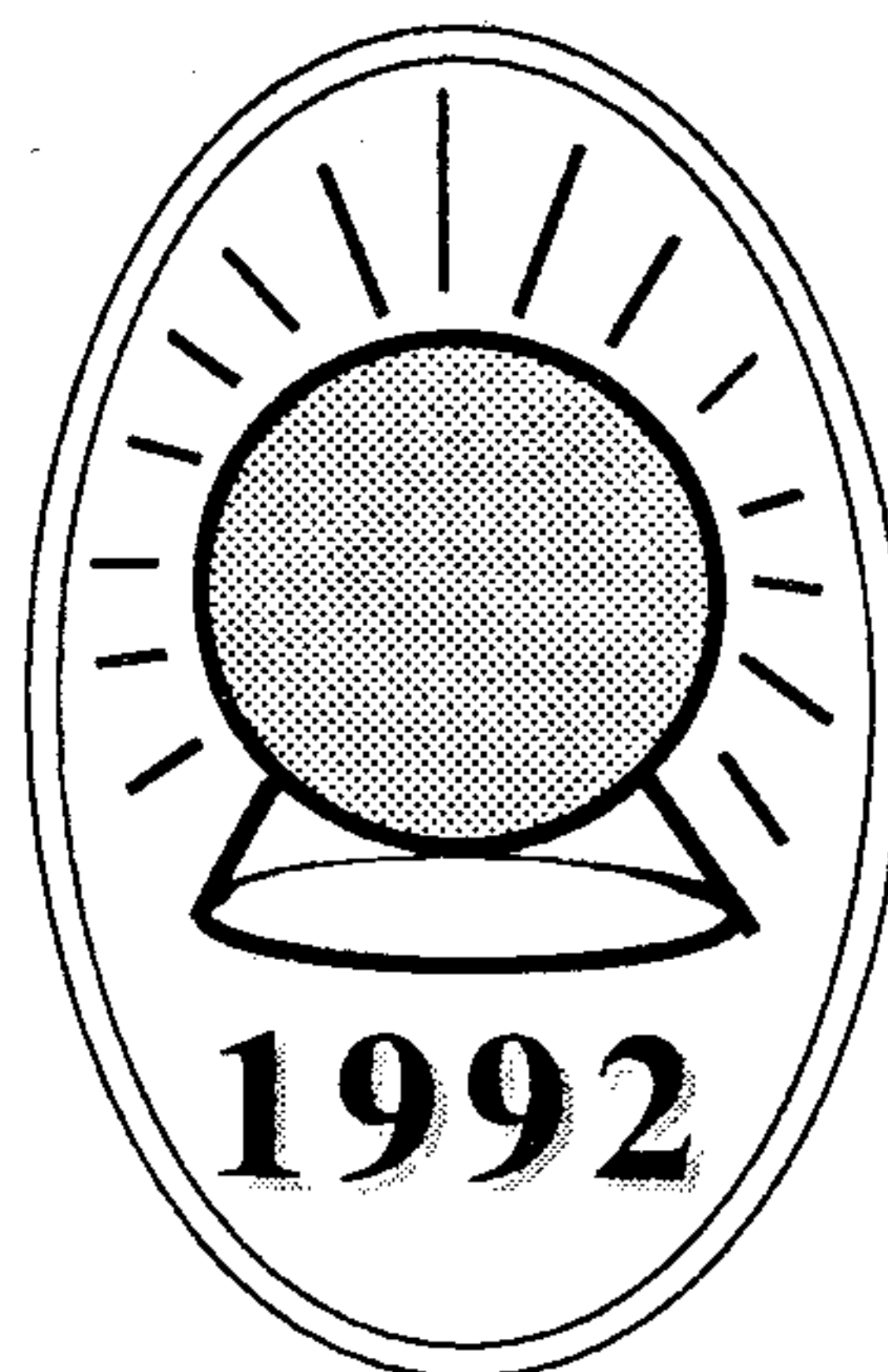
★ Elongates are thin and many more will fit in a roll than regular coins but finding an oval-shaped tube can be a problem – unless you decide to go the old fashion route and roll your own.

★ You can't make telephone calls with an elongate.

★ And now for the best part – most contemporary elongates are quite inexpensive and more often than not educational and fun to collect. (Go for it!)

# Ray's Predictions for 1992 An Update

By Ray Dillard



★ TEC membership did go over 600. Now the chore is to get them all to pay for 1992 and set a new goal.

★ Due to ANA rules, it may be 1993 before we receive special recognition on TEC News for being among the best publications by a club. It is always awarded on the preceding year. (Ed. We can wait.)

★ Volunteers for the job of Secretary - I predicted at least three. I am still waiting! Please step forward for this job. We need your help!!

★ Angelo Rosato is working on a supplement for his book. There is probably something in this issue on it.

*By the way, if you have not purchased a copy of Angelo's book you are missing out on a world of information. His price to TEC members is a real bargain. A collector that is willing to pay a hundred dollars or more for a single coin certainly should be willing to pay less than that for a book that has the potential of saving him or her many multiples of that amount.*

★ Doug Fairbanks has a new price list about ready to go. Check Numismatic News, he is advertising for subscribers.

★ I am a little behind on my plans for a new price list for 1992, but heck – it's early yet!

★ About Elongated Coins not rolling when dropped – I couldn't miss on that one. I'm experienced. I have rolled well over a half a million and have dropped a lot of em!





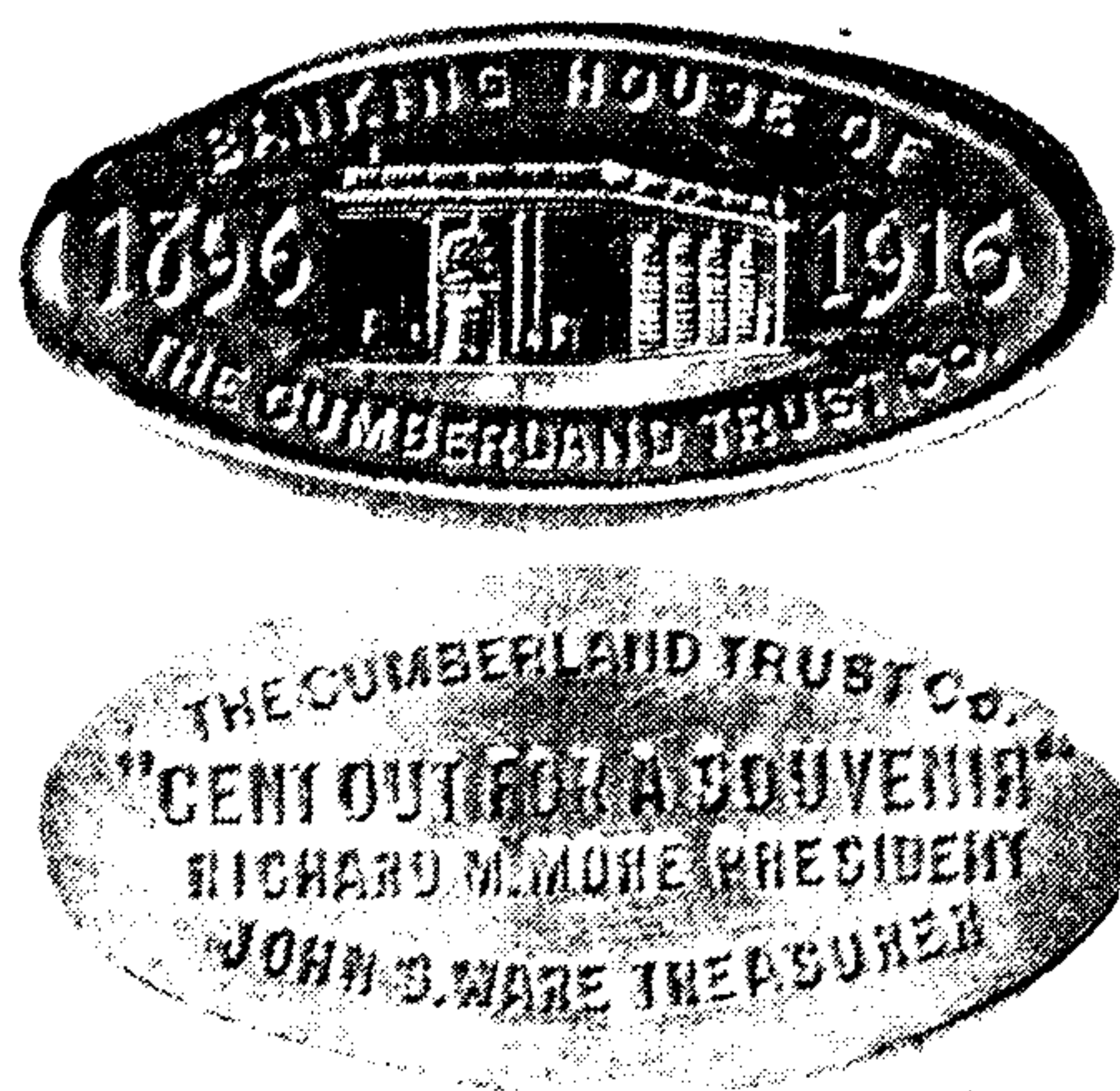
## “Don’t Be A Maverick”

By John G. Spadone

There was a Texan cattle owner called Samuel Maverick, who didn’t bother to brand his cattle. Whoever the herd stampeded mixing with the neighbors cattle, and in the roundup the unmarked cattle were claimed as mavericks. This could be a bad practice, since the neighbors could put a brand on unmarked cattle and Sam Maverick could claim any cattle the neighbors didn’t mark.

The terminology was conveniently applied to coins, medals, tokens, elongates, etc., anything that didn’t have a name, date, city, state, etc. was called a maverick. The token collectors must be well aware of this with thousands of mavericks out there.

The can be a frustrating problem and a good example of an elongated maverick is the MISC-XXX-23 on page 280 of Martin & Dow’s elongated book. This elongate is described as:



Obv: /BANKING HOUSE OF/. In center, angle view of building. Building has three-dimensional appearance. To left, /1896/. To right, /1916/. Below, /THE CUMBERLAND LAND TRUST CO./. Rolled border. Rev.: /THE CUMBERLAND TRUST CO./ “CENT OUR FOR A SOUVENIR”/ RICHARD M. MORE PRESIDENT/ JOHN S. WARE TREASURER/. Plain edge.



My problem with this maverick elongated is: What State was the bank located in? What city?

I have searched through Postal Directories to find how many states have a city called Cumberland. I found Cumberland in KY, IA, OH, (Pawtucket Branch) RI, MD, WI, (Indianapolis Branch) IN, OK, VA, (Enumclaw Branch) WA, NC, (Cumberland Center) ME, (Cumberland City) IN, (Cumberland College, S. Williamsburg) KY, (Cumberland Furnace) TN, (Cumberland Gap) TN, (Cumberland Hill-Paw Tacket Branch) RI, (Cumberland Mills, S. Westbrook) ME. And that’s not all. Perhaps the Cumberland Bank is not in a city with the same name – it could be located anywhere in the United States, and locating the exact location could be a hopeless cause.

I’ve written to every state bank that had a city with that name and to this day I still don’t know where the “Cumberland Trust Co.” was located. Thanks to a maverick this elongate remains in MISC-XXX-23 and will stay there until someone who reads this knows or can further research the “Cumberland Trust Co.” or banking establishments in their state.

Another purpose for this article is to remind or suggest that all elongated creators, engravers, rollers, etc. should try to make sure that elongates are identifiable with the city or state in which they are located. If we had known the location of this elongate we may then properly catalog it and may find a source of several more bank elongates. Let’s try to prevent more mavericks!

Anyone with information on this subject may write the author at 4872 N.W. 171 Ter., Miami, FL 33055-4260.

## Have You Paid Your 1992 TEC Dues?

If you haven't...

*This is the last issue of TEC News you will receive...and we know that you don't want to miss an issue! Please do so TODAY!*





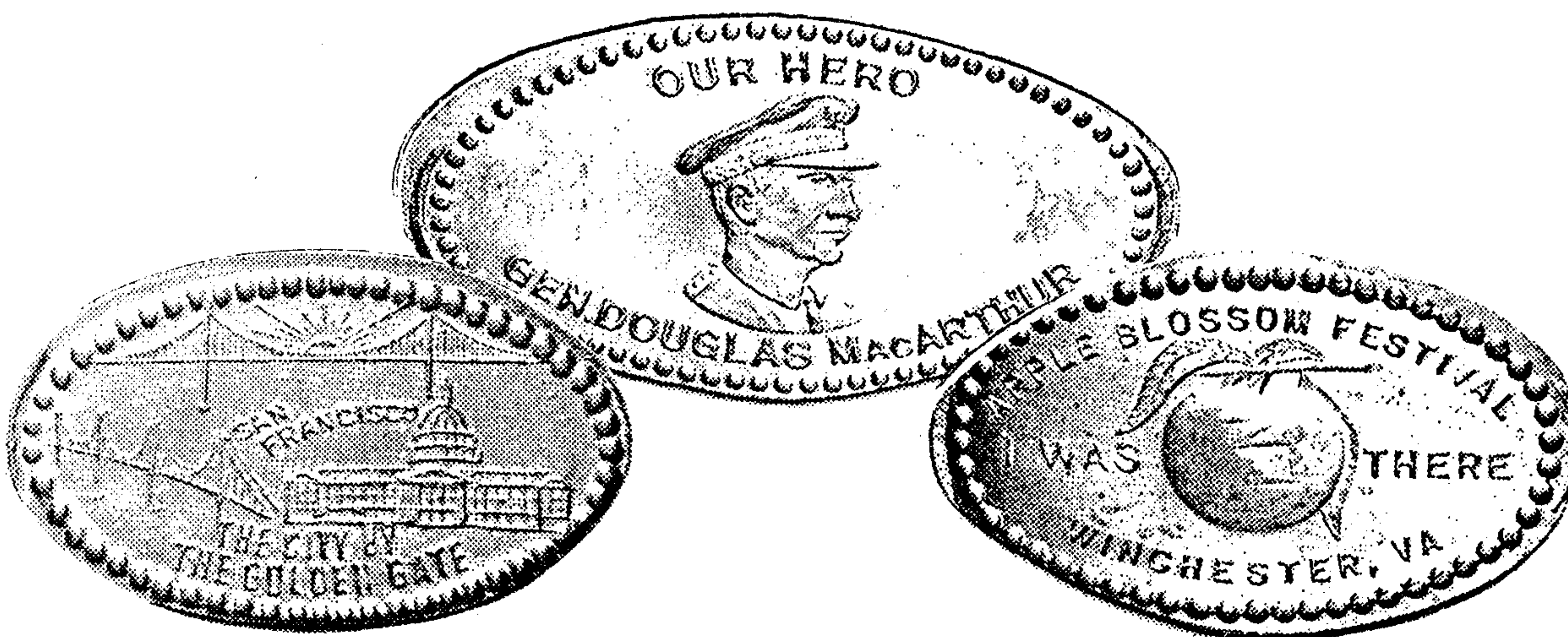
## OLD ROLLING DIES

-- by Angelo A. Rosato --

Having placed emphasis on matters of *restrikes*, *rerolls* and so-called *unlisted*s in previously presented articles in TEC NEWS, it is with the hope that the membership is now more informed and aware of the interpretations in the practice and offerings of these various elongated coins.

In my book *"ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE MODERN ELONGATED,"* on page 217 through 223 and page 231, the questions of restrikes, rerolls and apprehensions over rerolls, rerolls as originals, and price factors are each comprehensively taken into account. The facts contained therein are simple to understand. The collector should not at any time be restricted or deceived because of improper knowledge in a trade - buy - sell transaction.

At the time the book was going to press there were almost 100 different old dies still in existence and in the possession of several modern roller-producers. All are listed beginning on page 1097; ending on page 1117.



It has been this writer's observation that many of these older elongateds (fabricated prior to WW II) are offered on listings with prices far beyond a fair level. What seems to be a prevalent oversight by the hobbyist is the fact the dies that originally rolled those specimens are not closed, cancelled, or are they destroyed. And although many of the old dies lay dormant, they can at any time become active again.

In owning older dies, it would in effect be the same as owning the specimens themselves. It would appear that the owners of the dies would prize them and any additional productions from them would be cause enough to justify a premium price for them. In comparison to those of





modern issues, perhaps within reason it may support a higher evaluation. This, however, would apply only if additional productions (rerolls) would be produced within the limits of demand. Rerolls, as an aftermath, should not influence higher values when distributed in uncontrolled amounts.

In view of existing older dies, dealers and collectors who are in the possession of dozens of older elongateds of the same design; in other words rerolls or duplicates, these then should be offered at a price level affordable to every collector as an opportunity to add to their collection. There is no reason why rollings from old dies can not be accepted when prices are equitable and will not seriously gouge or deceive. Of those who own a copy of my book may review this topic beginning on page 220.

Presently, a cross reference listing is being put together of all elongateds listed as rerolls in my book. The illustrated booklet format will be matched with the code numbers in the Martin / Dow book as a quick glance easy reference. The booklet will be given free to all those who own a copy of my book. Others may purchase the booklet for \$25 postpaid. Only a limited quantity will be offered for sale. Dont loose out.., order soon!!

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## Denominational Sets

By Allen Curtis, TEC 1442

A denominational set is a set of at least five elongated coins (cent, nickel, dime, quarter and half) produced from the same die. The set sold by TEC at the past ANA convention is a prime example of a denomination set. You may wonder, as I have, about the origins of such sets. The following is what I have learned.

I mid-1965 an eager, neophyte elongated collector, named Angelo Rosato, urged two Ralphs, Jones and Jobe, to roll denominational sets. Both agreed. In March of 1966, each produced the cent and nickel for Angelo. In April they supplied him with the dime and quarter. In November, Jones rolled the half dollar for Angelo, but it was not until August of 1968 that Jobe was able to produce the half dollar. Thus, Ralph Jones issued the first denominational set. Later both Jones and Jobe backtracked through their earlier issues to make sets for Angelo. They also made up sets for about five other set collectors.

In Rosato's book, **Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated**, the listed Jones and Jobe issues that encompass all five denominations include a half a dozen sets each. Except for the sets, all other specimens of each

denomination were sold individually. Thus, Jones and Jobe denominational sets are extremely rare.

Dottie Dow was also an early roller of denominational sets. Like Jones and Jobe, she backtracked to produce denominational sets. In early 1967 she issued sets for her state flag series which had been initiated in 1965. Dottie has not made public the mintage figures for her denominational sets. Thus, the rarity of her sets is unknown.

In November 1967 Angelo Rosato issued his John F. Kennedy elongated, designated as ROS-25 in his book. As part of that issue, Angelo produced 12 denominational sets packaged in polyethylene similar to the U.S. proof sets that had been discontinued in 1965. These were the first denominational sets to be so packaged. Angelo, like the other denominational set pioneers, did some backtracking to produce sets for many of his earlier issues. After 1967 he continued to include sets with a large number of his issues. A total of 114 of his issues included the polyethylene packaged sets. Rosato's sets are extremely rare with mintages usually ranging from 5 to 12 per issue.

If you have one of the early denominational sets, you are indeed fortunate.

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## Notes From the Secretary . . .

By Don A. Wilkinson

**FIRST** of all I want to thank all those great folks who communicated with me directly or through someone over my great loss of my dear wife Ginnie. Missing her is an understatement, but I am trying to carry on. Again a big THANKS to all that shared their caring with me.]

**SECOND:** A word or two on 1992 TEC dues. The club by-laws state, in part: "SECTION 5. The amount of the annual dues for regular membership shall be \$10.00 payable in advance, on a calendar year basis . . . Regular and youth members not paying their dues for any year prior to March 31 shall be dropped from membership . . ." There are a number of you who have not yet paid your 1992 dues, so please get them in. Check the address area of this issue, if the box is checked – It's time to pay your 1992 Dues. If your dues are not paid, this could be your last issue of the *TEC News* until your dues are paid . . . Please, Don't Drop Out!!!

**THIRDLY:** To those of you who included an S.A.S.E. with your TEC dues payment are really helping me out. It takes time, money for stamps, envelope, etc. to get a return envelope ready. THANKS.





# Doubts Justified

By Ray Dillard

Among other things surrounding the work of Jack Meccarello, I have never been satisfied with descriptions attributed to one elongated coin in particular.

The book "Today's Elongated" lists it as JM-123 and describes it as "The Old Man."

The book "Yesterday's Elongateds" lists it as Misc-XXX-34 and describes it as a "Deep Sea Diver" with a comment that fish are visible at the base.

The "Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated" lists the same coin as JAC-132 and describes it as a "Bearded old man" with a pig-like face, holding objects (banner and sword?).

The design on this coin is very faint. It is three-dimensional but has no outline. It certainly leaves room for the imagination.

Upon first examination, even though intrigued with it, I was not satisfied with the above descriptions. The Deep Sea Diver bothered me the most because I certainly could not see the fish referred to.

After several years my doubts have been justified. I located a medal with the same but much more distinct design on it and submit the following pictures for your consideration.



The die for this elongated coin was definitely produced from this humorous Civil War centennial

medal or a design like it. Consequently the description in "The Encyclopedia" was close to being correct including the reference to the banner and sword.

I do not mean to be critical but, it appears that much of the work by Jack Meccarello was produced from art that was not necessarily original. He apparently had a method of taking moldings from other engravings and creating dies for elongated coins. It sure would be nice if either he or his brother Gus would explain this method for us in TEC News.

Other examples of this technique listed in Yesterday's Elongateds are PAT-R10-6, MISC-XXX-46 and MISC-XXX-47. Many others are listed in Today's Elongateds and in The Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated.

This brings up another question! If the above specified coins are listed in Yesterday's Elongateds, why weren't more of Jack Meccarello's coins listed. Evidence indicates that others were created before these.

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# The Penny Man & The Penny Van

In 1972, George King, a former professional bowler, confined to a wheelchair while recovering from an automobile accident, decided not to repaint the door of his van. Instead, he covered the door section with pennies. These were adhered with tube silicon and coated with clear plastic.

King, a numismatist for over 40 years, had specialized in pennies. He already had a million of them.

"Why not", he thought, after looking at his handiwork, "do something to symbolize the United States' smallest denominational monetary exchange unit—the penny, small, yet strong—and memorialize Abraham Lincoln, a man of honesty and integrity."

So, he created the "Penny Van." It took six years. Pennies on the van cover the roof, the four sides, the wheel hubs, door hinges, dashboard and center of the steering wheel.

King created a new career for himself when the "Penny Van" was completed. It really started when this mobile memorial was entered into the annuals of Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not in November, 1978. It now appears in the column each February 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

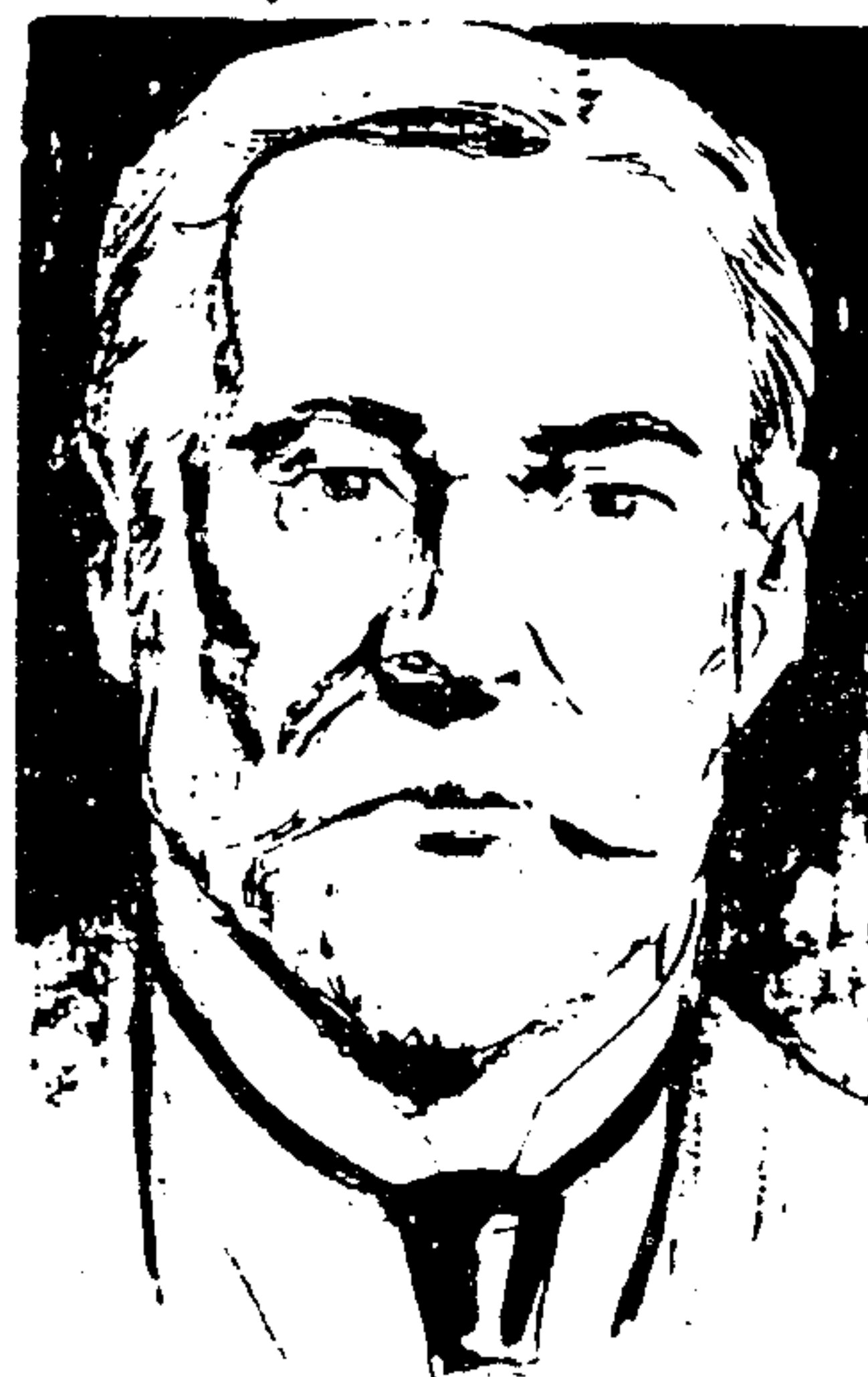
The Penny Van has been featured in many newspaper columns, has appeared on TV and been the subject of countless radio interviews. Along with King, now known as "The Penny Van-Man" (and a Lincoln look-alike) the man has appeared in hundreds of coin shows, fairs, exhibitions and promotional events such as new bank openings. Often, King also receives a fee for appraising coins and jewelry.

There are 48,773 pennies on the exterior of the vehicle. All were minted from 1959 thru 1978. The pennies on the dashboard are 1962s because the van is a '62 model. With the addition of the pennies, The Penny Van weighs 321 pounds more.

All of the coins are heads up, except for one. There is a Canadian penny applied for King's wife. Ruby is a Canadian.

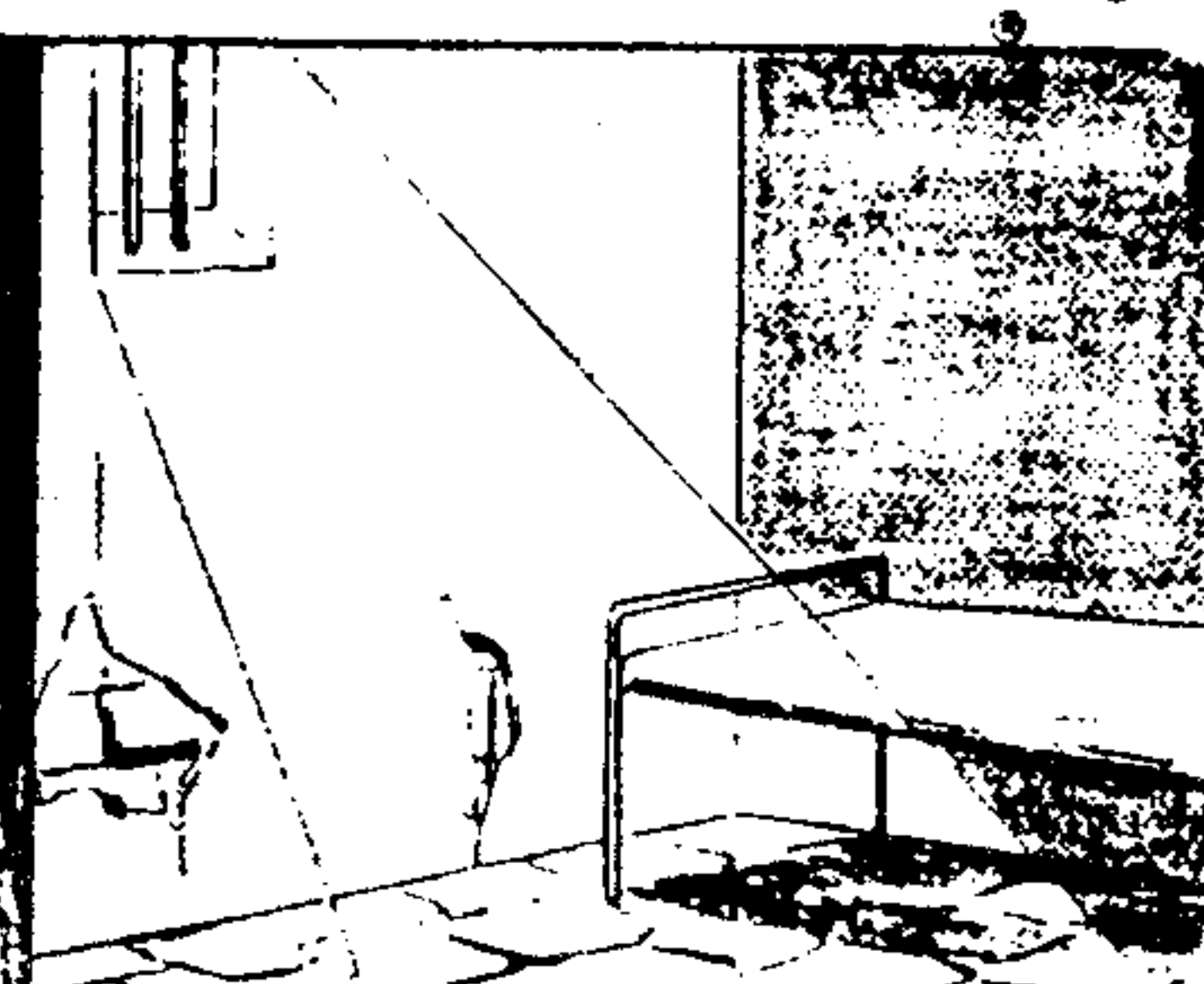
"In the near future," King says, "The Penny Van

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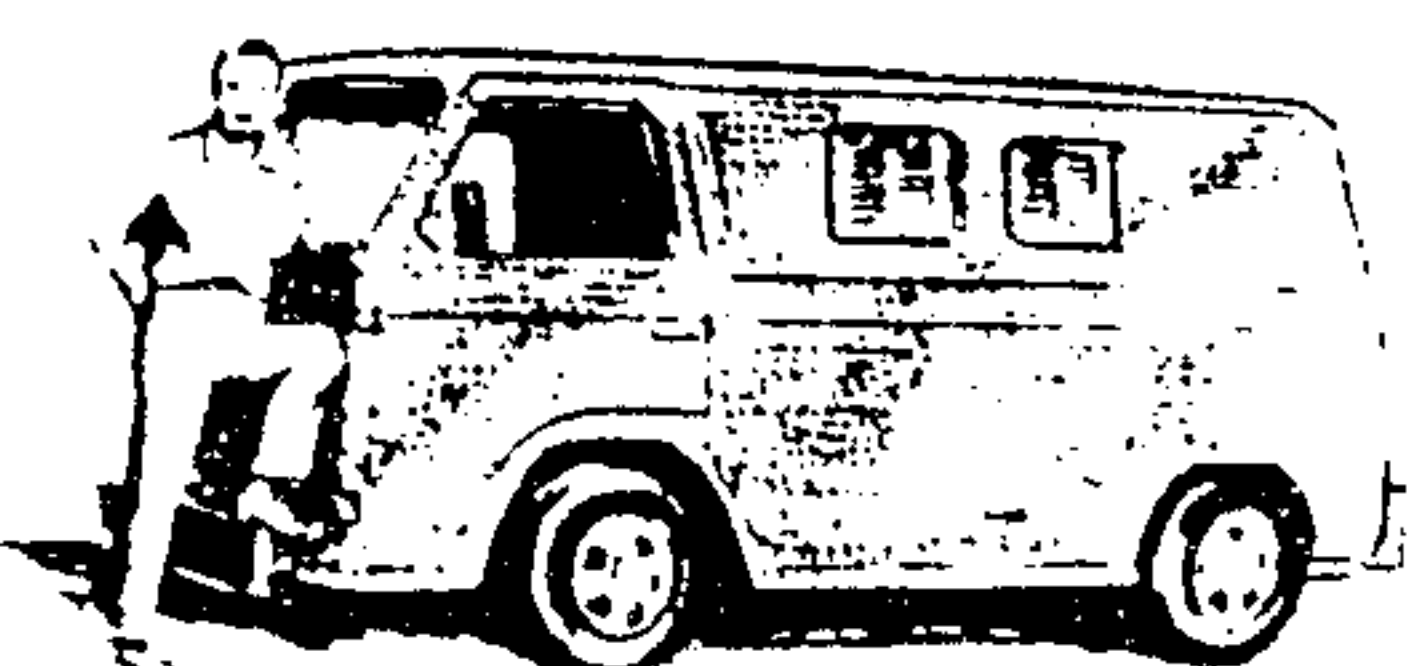


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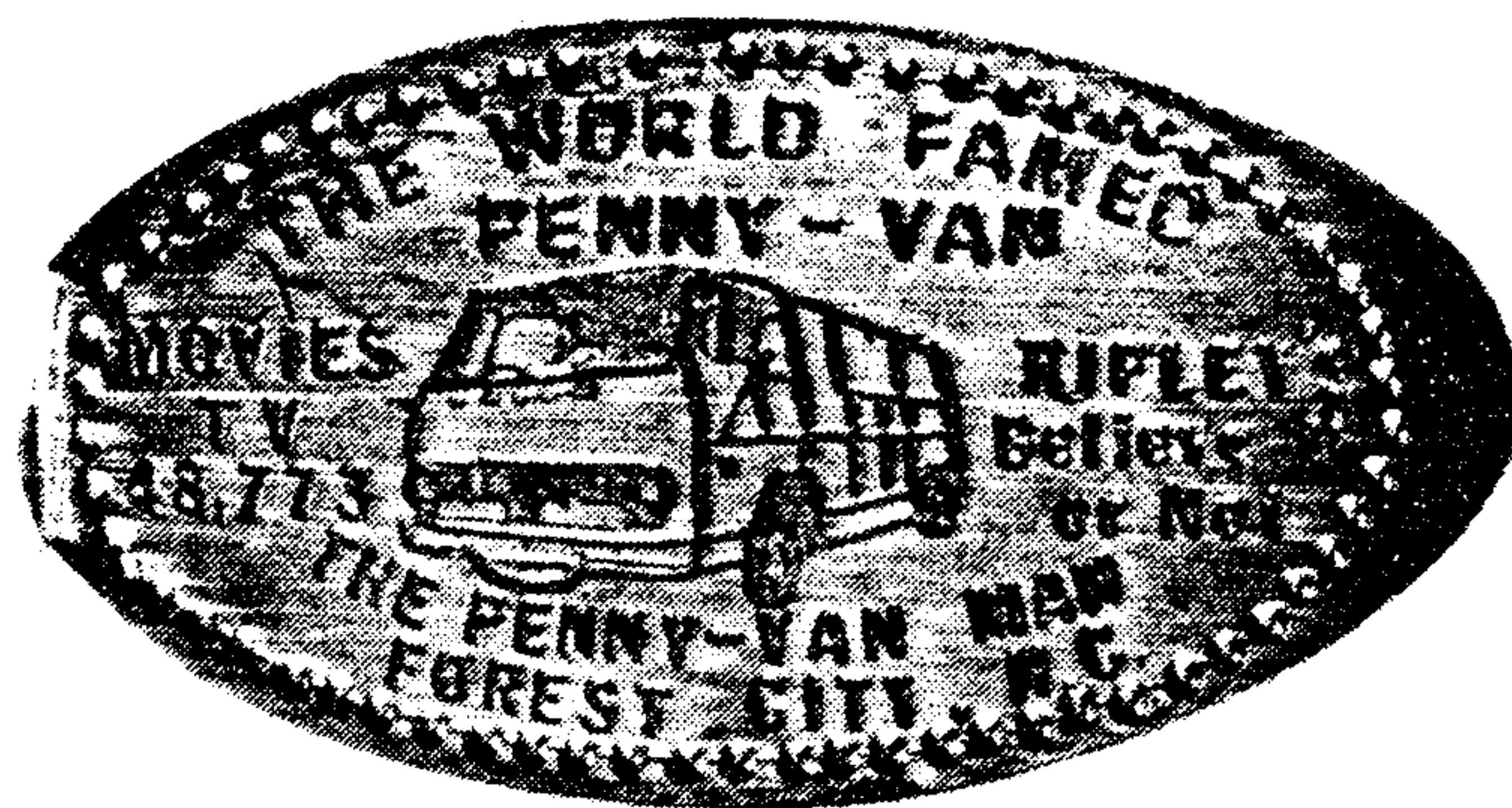


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may be on permanent display in a museum."

King and his Penny Van are proof that a penny is still worth saving!

TEC Members wishing to correspond with "The Penny Van-Man" may write George King at P.O. Box 389, Forest City, N.C. 28043. As time permits, ye editor will publish more information about "The Penny Van."





# ELONGATEDS OF MARYLAND....A CATALOGING EFFORT

Millard W. Hajek TEC 1449

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## The Excitement of a New Elongated Coin

By Jack Rosenbluth, TEC 752

Where does the idea stem from for the subject of an elongated coin? This is a questions that has unlimited answers. For me it lies in events of history that stir the enzymes of excitement to produce that special elongate. My aim is to record history that collectors of yesterday, today and tomorrow can enjoy for many, many years to come and pass on to future generations.

When I read of an upcoming Centennial, bicentennial, tricentennial, a city or borough anniversary, a museum relating to history, a historical event, etc., I'm "Johnny on the spot." I could go on and on but the bottom line is the ultimate production of a coin and package I can be proud of for myself and to offer to collectors.

As a custom roller I do not make unlimited quantities of my product so the market is not a sea of so many that they do not appeal to the serious collector. There are many subjects to make elongated coins for that it is not worth making large quantities. BUT, the average collector must realize that smaller quantities mean a little higher price so the roller may recover his cost. Another point that I would like to elaborate on is when I make an elongate for an organization or anyone in particular I always try to make an arrangement to have some offered through me to offer to collectors out of the area as they would not have a way to get them if it is a local product. I offer them through *TEC News*, on my list that I have of what I make and through the coin periodicals with a press release.

I have received many compliments about what I produce and that makes me very proud. I will always strive to continue in that way to produce a fine product and a collectible that everyone will enjoy collecting. Since TEC has gained so many new members I would like each and every new member to have a list of what I have produced and offer a list to all. Just send a self-addressed-stamped-envelope (S.A.S.E.) to me at 2299 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA 17402. I will send you a list and three (3) bonus coupons worth a total of \$2.25 on future purchases. To my many fellow collectors that have already made purchases from me I will enclose the bonus coupons the next time you send in an order to be used for future purchases. Remember the hobby of collecting elongated coins can be very interesting and rewarding educationally.

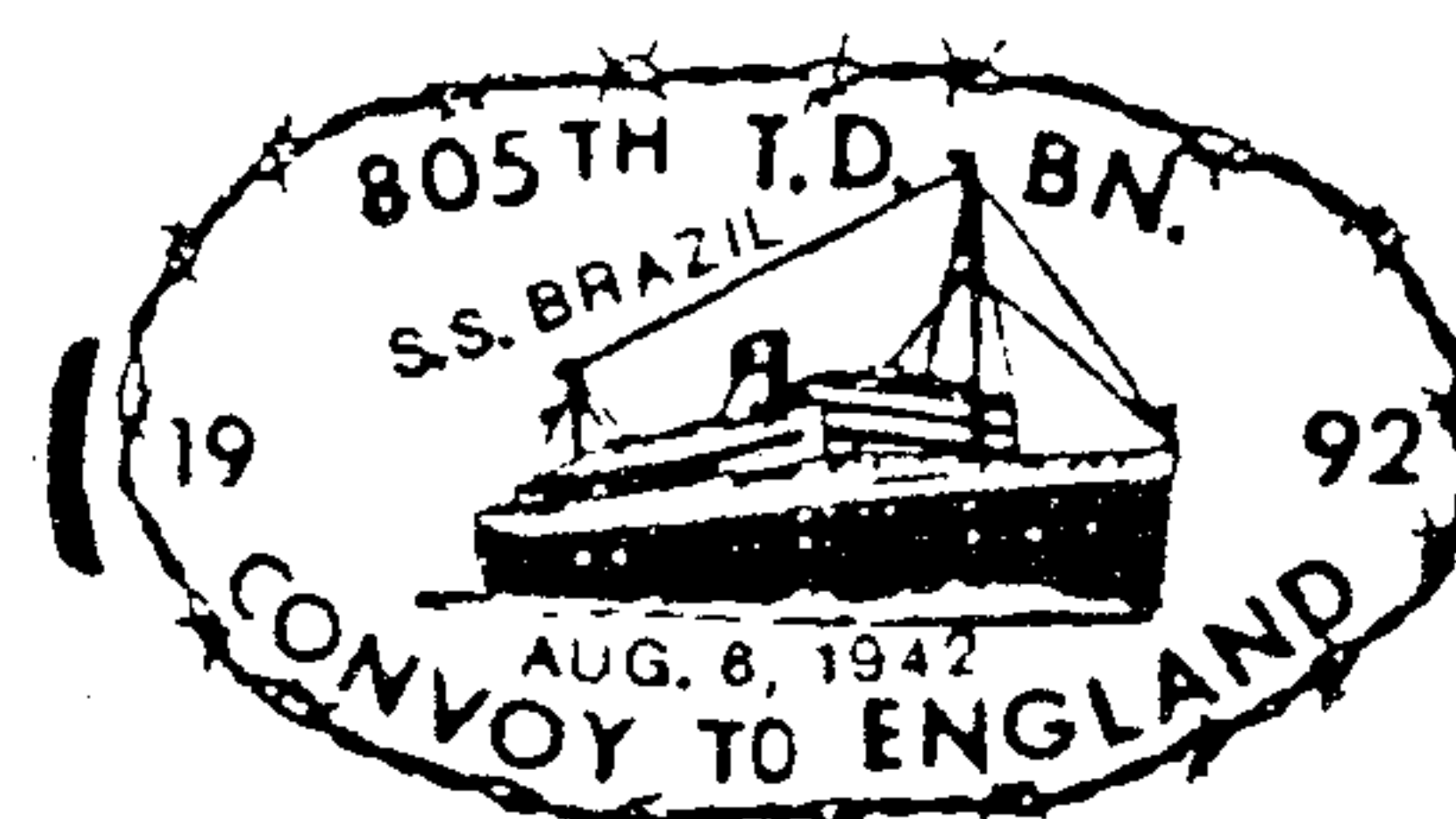
## Army Reunion Elongated for 1992

By Jack Wilcox, TEC 332

With 1992 being the 50th Anniversary of my army outfit's sailing overseas to England, I decided to design another elongated to use at our September reunion. It is fun to pass these out.

Using a photocopy of a postcard of the S.S. BRAZIL, the troop ship we left New York harbor on, made my task easy. I found this card hiding at a postcard show some years ago.

I copied the artwork from last years design, blocking out all but the barbed-wire border, glued the cut out ship in the cen-



ter, tried out different lettering until I liked it. Result shown above. The sketch looked simple enough when roughed out on the elongated size outline, so off it went to Frank Brazzell.

Within ten days, U.P.S. knocked on my door with my order. Frank is tops, comes flying through again. The order contains 200 wheat cents, (100 with hole) and 50 steel, war time cents. Many thanks Frank.

Over the years, since 1971 I've had 36 different designs rolled. This is the tenth Ship Theme elongated. I've used the barbedwire border eight times to date. A reminder of Prisoner of War days. I used a stamp perforation border on most other issues while working at the post office. Elongated borders are interesting to compare.

Only two of these reunion elongateds are still available, the 1984 issue is depleted. If anyone wishes to buy the two send a S.A.S.E. and \$1.00 each to 310 Washington Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-3044.

Theme collecting is fun and the SHIP THEME is one that really can prove exciting. Many oldies were rolled and can be found in the Dow book for your hunt to begin. Newer ship designs are made each year so looking at ads, reading TEC articles, etc. will aid the search. The Christmas Theme is another good one. Collecting elongateds is what you tend to put into the hobby. Designing your own elongated isn't hard and really can be very rewarding. Try it and good luck.





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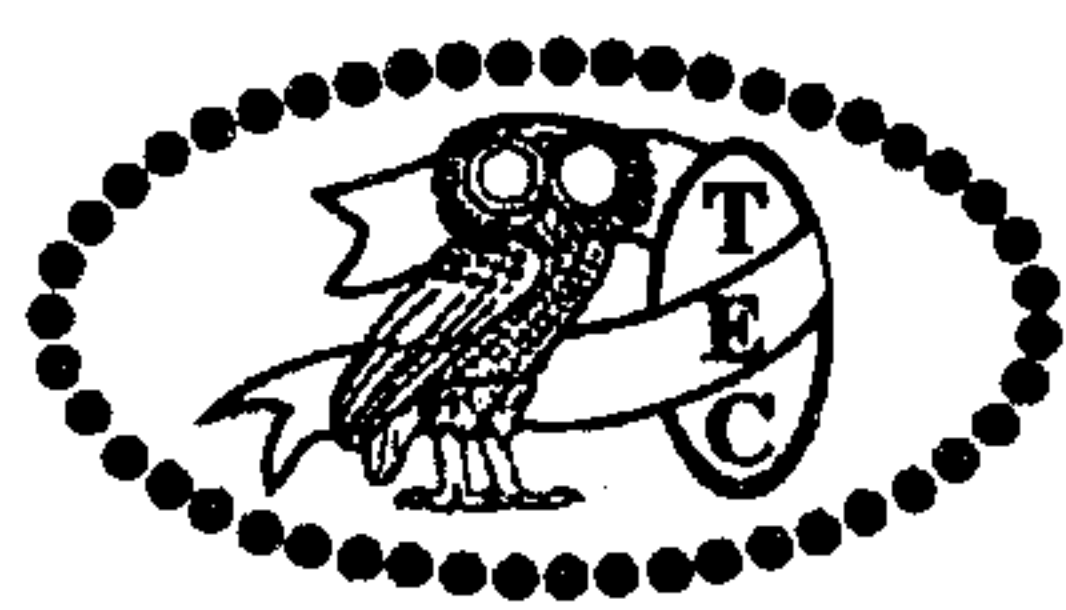
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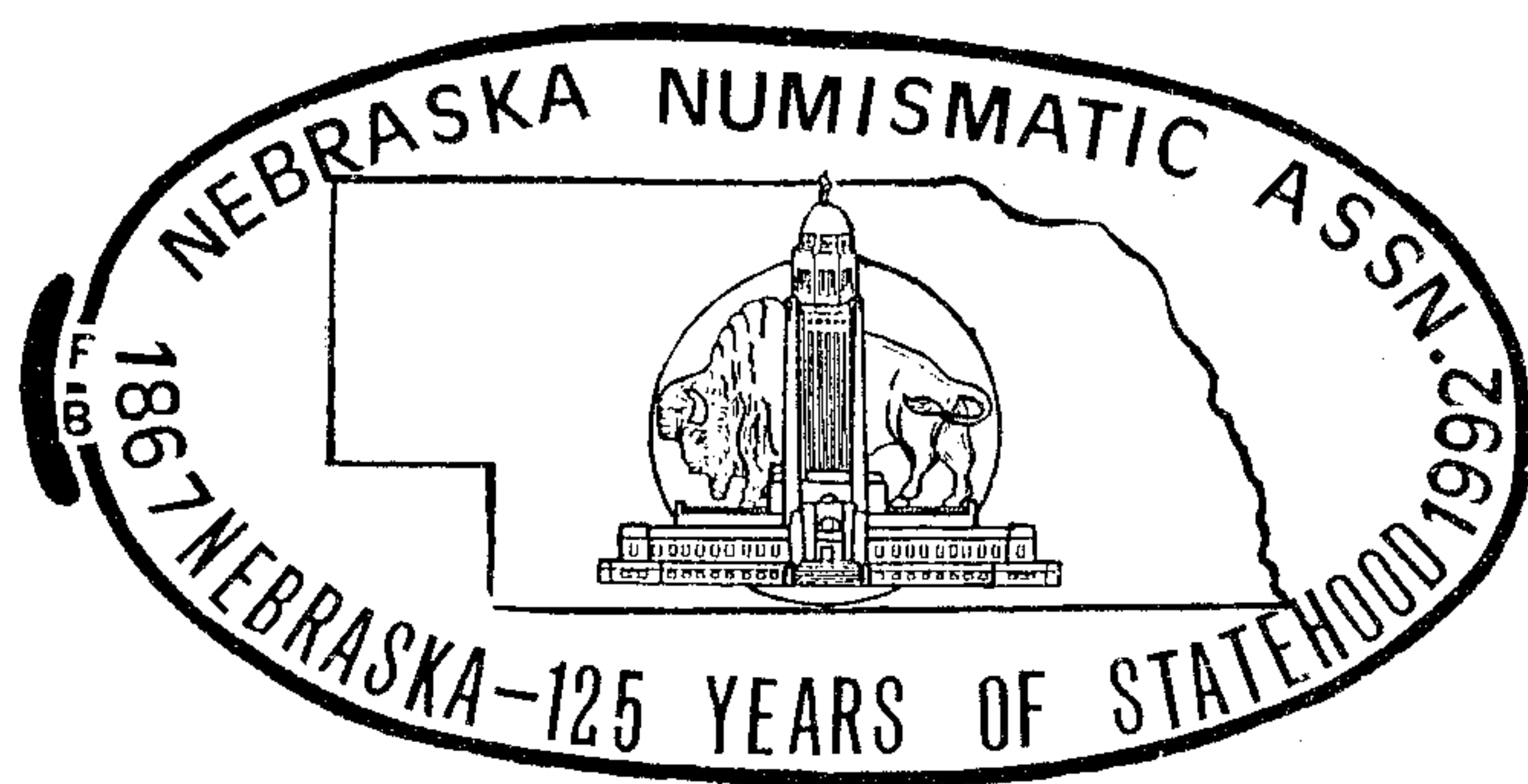
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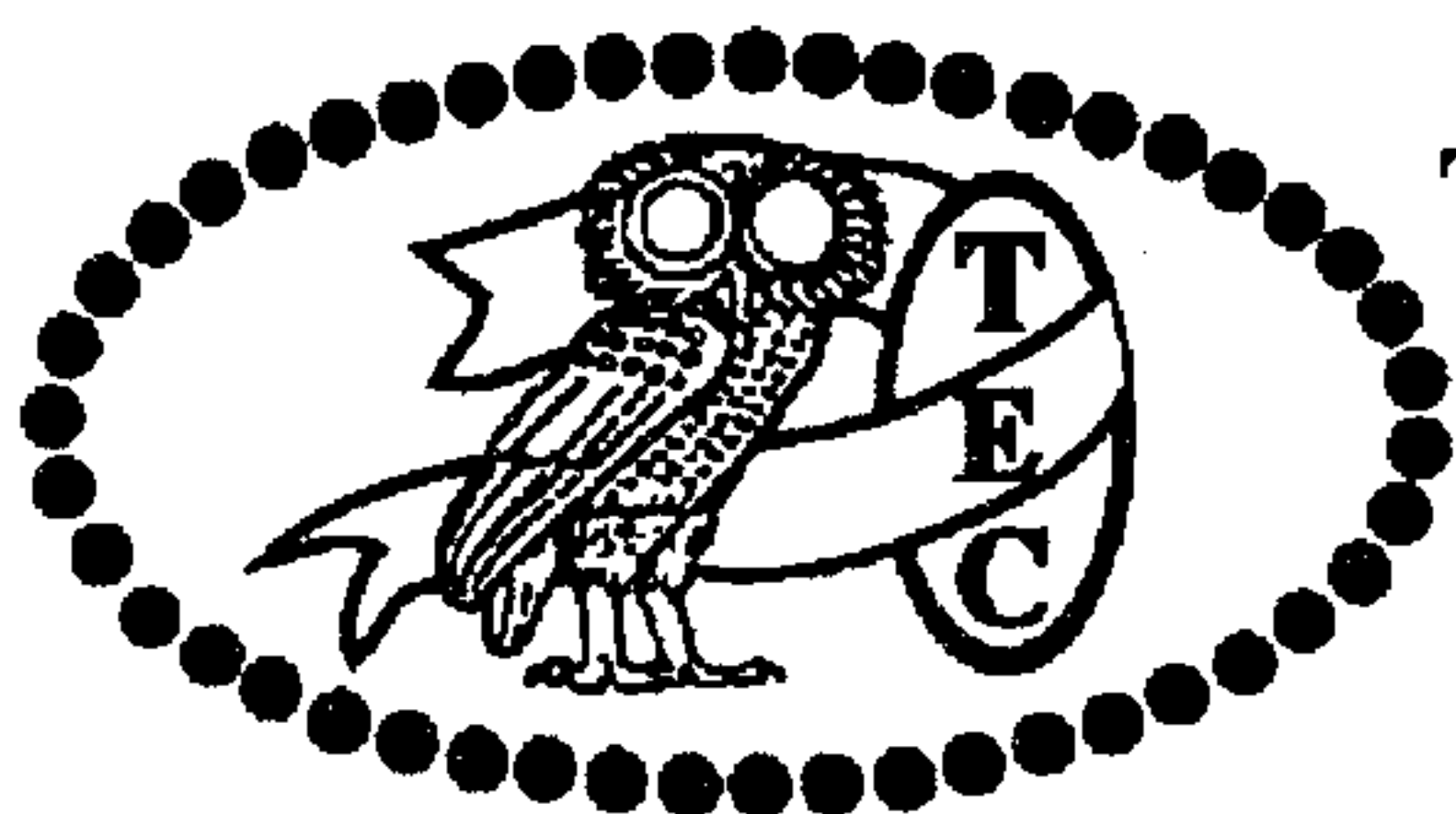
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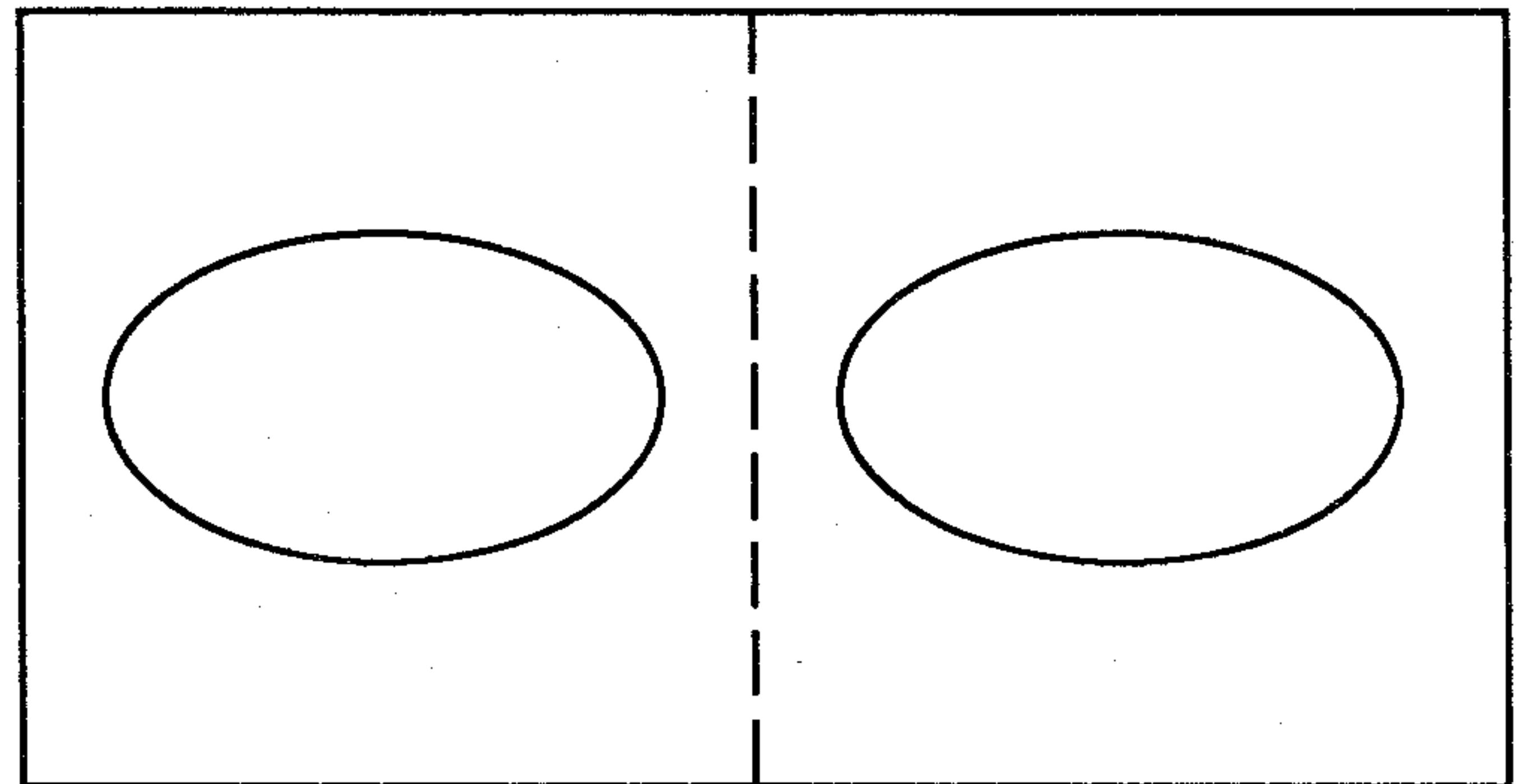


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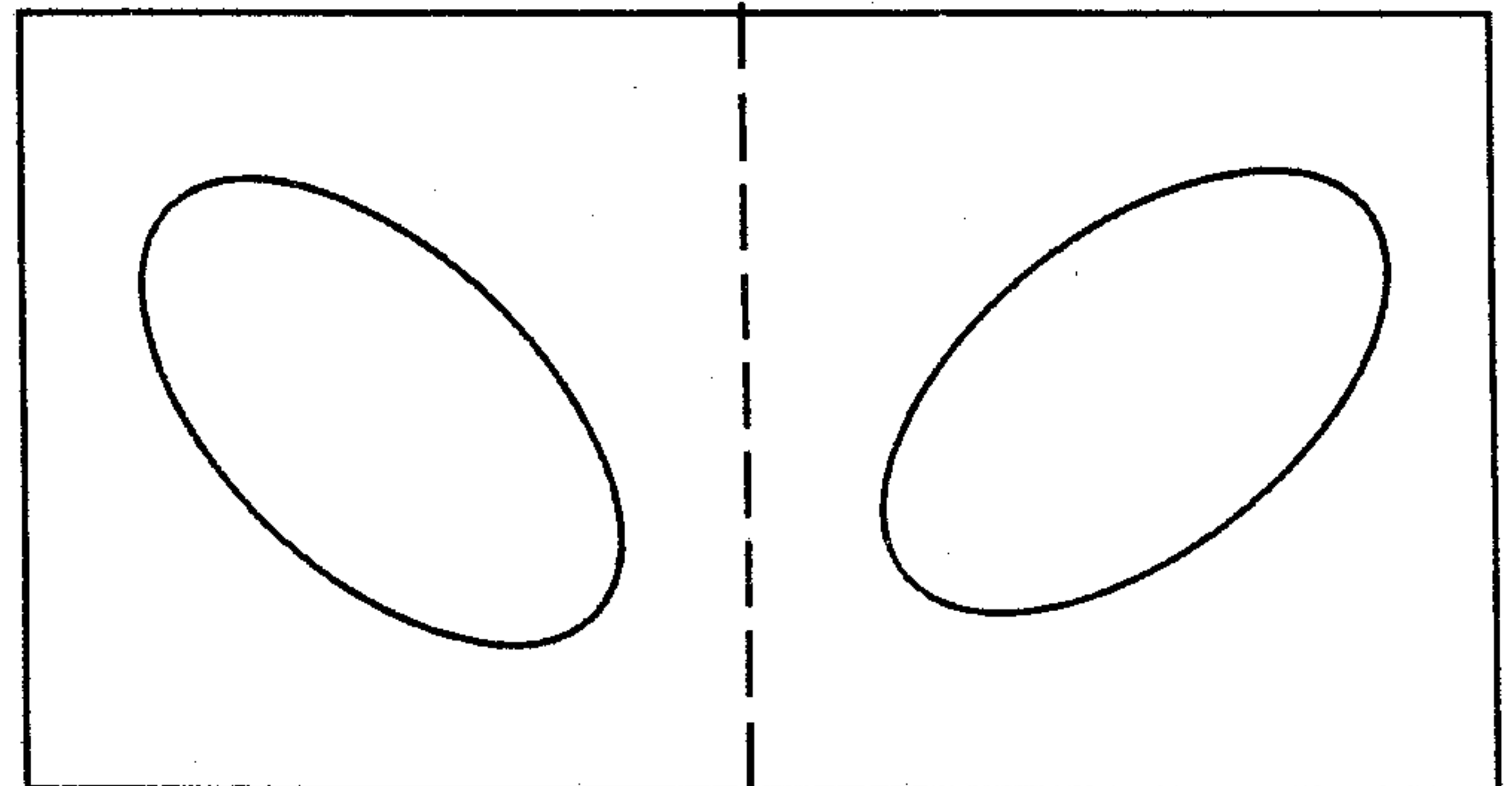
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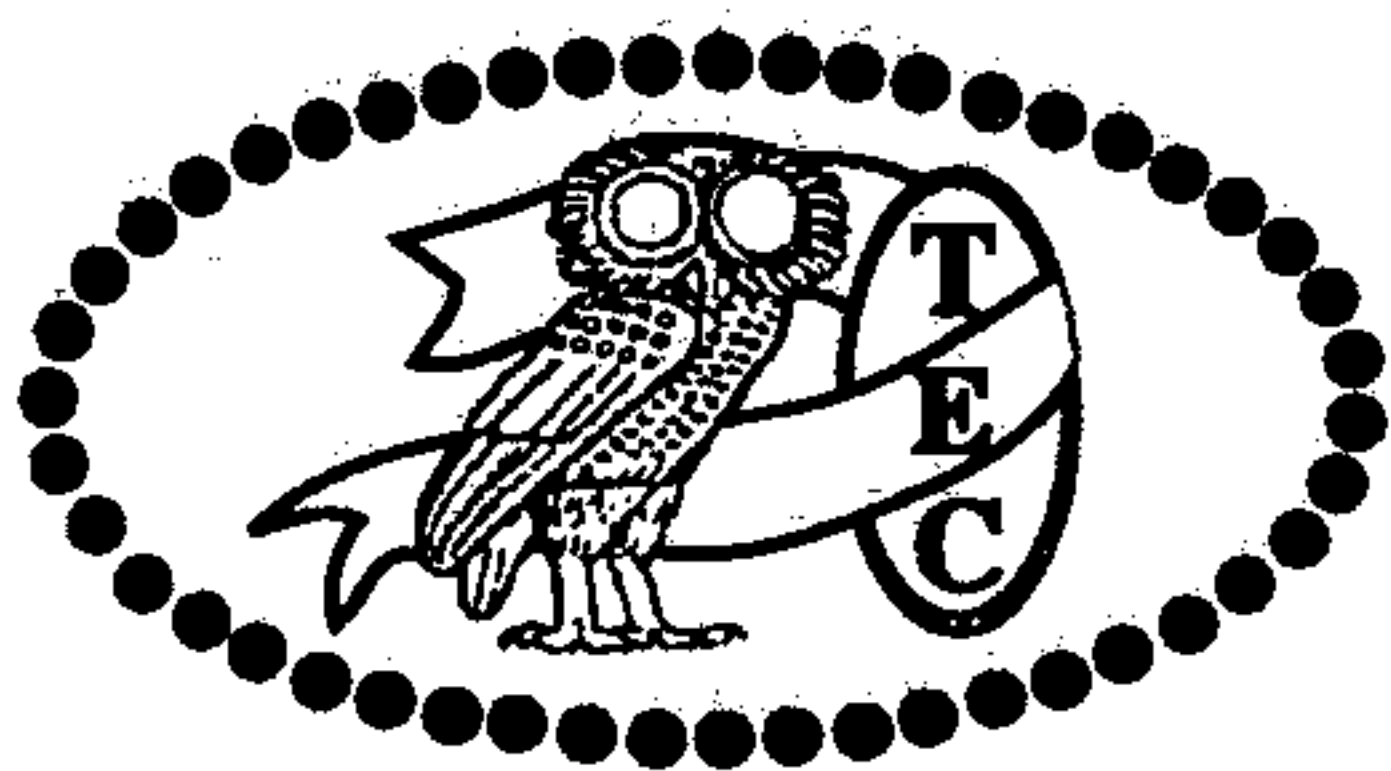
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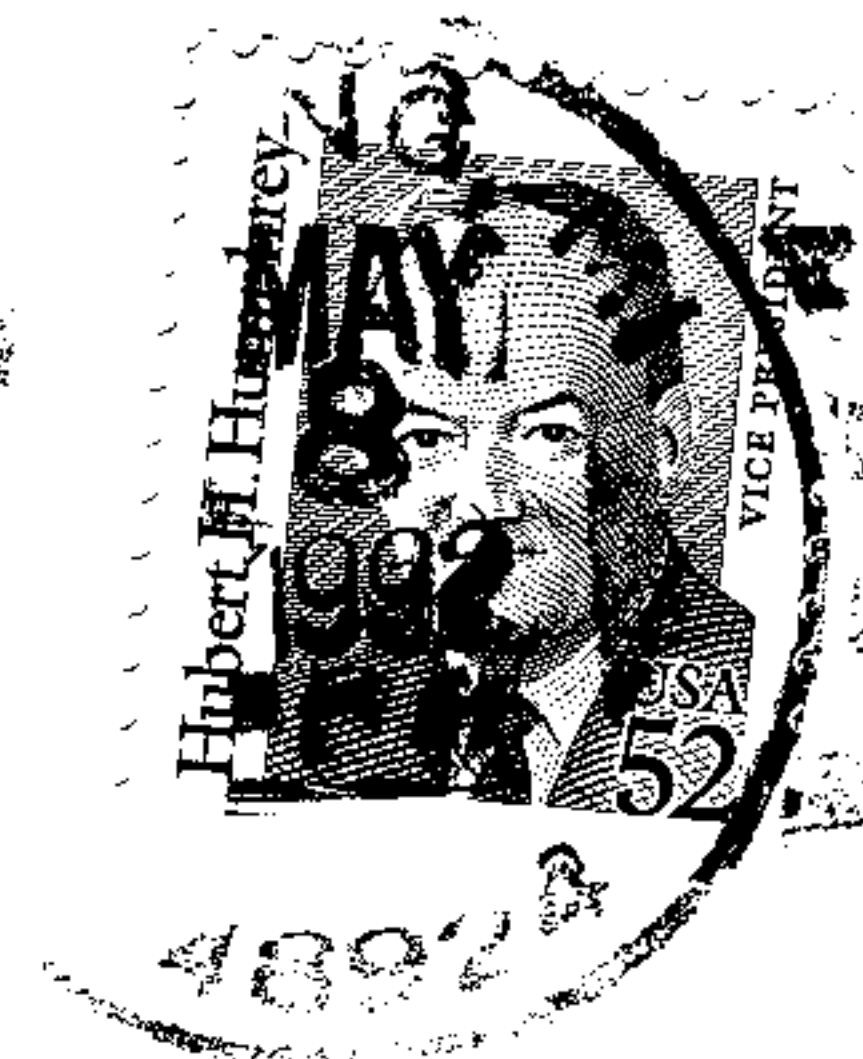


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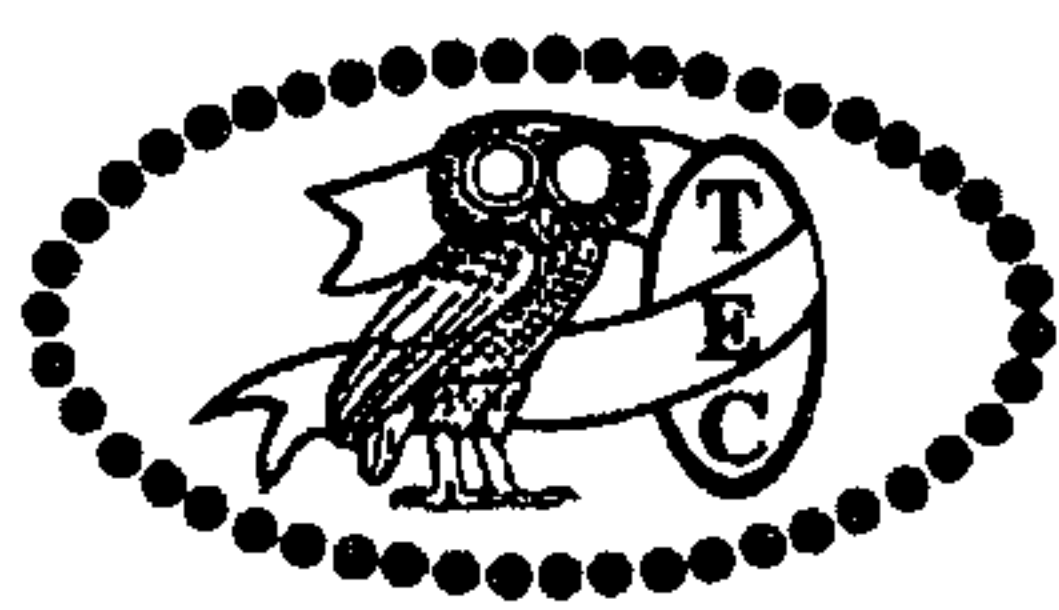
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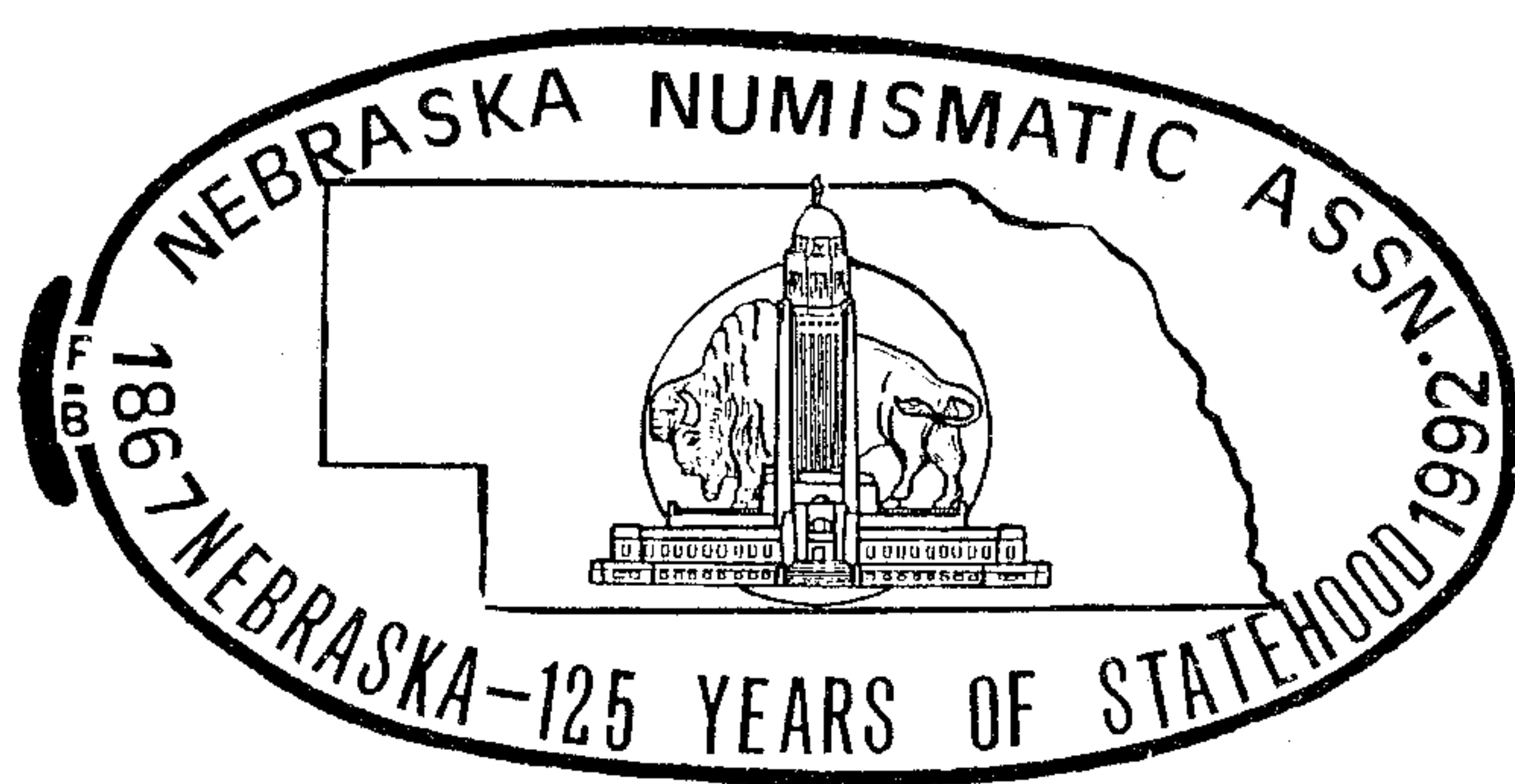
## CHRONICLES

*Featuring the LATEST Information on New Issues*

### NEW TEC News FEATURE

The Elongated Chronicles will bring TEC members the latest information on recently issued elongates. If you know of an individual, club or organization which has issued or will be issuing an elongate in the near future, send the information along with artwork (if available) to:

Craig A. Whitford, Editor-TEC News  
Elongated Chronicles  
P.O. Box 22026, Lansing, Michigan 48909



The Nebraska Numismatic Association is celebrating the 125th year of Nebraska statehood by issuing an elongated coin. The elongate is available by writing: N.N.A., c/o Steven C. Drake, 6411 No. 77th Street, Omaha, NE 68134. The price for (1) coin is \$1.00; (3) coins \$2.00; and (10) coins \$5.00. Orders must be accompanied by a self-addressed-stamped-envelope (S.A.S.E.), please be sure to attach adequate postage for large orders.

### Elong-Coin-Cards Released

JAYROS of York, Pa announced the release of two new issues of "Elong-coin-cards." One carries the elongated coin rolled for the 125th anniversary of Dallastown, Pa. The other is the York 250th anniversary.

Cost of the limited-edition cards is \$2.50 each plus a long, legal-size, S.A.S.E. Send orders to JAYROS, 2299 Mount Zion Road, York, Pa. 17402.

**1992 Super Bowl**—\$1.00 available March, Colonial Courthouse, York, PA First Capital — \$1.00 available March, The Central Pennsylvania Numismatic Association will have an elongated cent as a give away for those attending the CPNA Coin Show on June 13-14, 1992 in Myerstown, PA. Another March release will be The Golden Plough Tavern, York, PA. The 250th anniversary of Lancaster, PA will be released sometime in May. Ordering and additional information may be obtained from Jack Rosenbluth, 2299 Mt. Zion Road, Dept. TECAS, York, PA 17402. S.A.S.E. required.

### Computer Designed Elongates We Want YOU!

If you have used a computer to assist in the designing of elongates, we want to hear from you! The Fall 1992 issue of TEC News will feature articles relating to the production of elongated designs by manual methods and the increasing use of computers in designing.

Send your experiences, art work and articles to TEC News, c/o Craig A. Whitford, Editor, P.O. Box 22026, Lansing, MI 48909.